

Hot Topic
Kennecott Public Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2015

A Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Utah Rio Tinto (Kennecott) office to discuss the annual South End groundwater monitoring and sampling results. Members of the TRC include representatives from Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper, State of Utah (Division of Water Quality, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, and Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining), Jordan Valley Water District, City of Herriman, City of West Jordan, Friends of the Great Salt Lake, and EPA. During this meeting, questions arose around the Gold King Mine Release. Members of the committee were questioning whether a similar event could happen at Kennecott. Representatives of Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper explained that they do not use the same type of bulk head storage, tunneling, and adits, as the Gold King Mine. Furthermore, since Kennecott owns the entire property, they have already mapped the area and know where the facilities associated with the mining operations are located and are able to respond to issues in a timely manner. The EPA representatives did not need to offer additional information. If you have any further questions, please contact Kerri Fiedler at 312-6493 or Stan Christensen at 312-6694.